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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7496**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1376

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Licensing of Acupuncturists.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Klinker

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an individual is not required to comply with certain requirements for the licensing and practice of acupuncture. It establishes certain alternative requirements for the licensing and practice of acupuncture. The bill also requires the Medical Licensing Board to establish rules for continuing education requirements for renewal of an acupuncturist license.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Medical Licensing Board of Indiana issues the acupuncture license. This bill requires the Board to adopt rules establishing continuing education requirements for this license. In CY 2004, the seven member Board met eleven times. If an additional meeting of the Board is needed to fulfill the requirements of this bill, the cost would amount to approximately \$740. This amount includes a \$50 per diem and mileage. As of December 2004, the mileage reimbursement rate was \$0.34 per mile.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill also allows alternative requirements be met for the acupuncture license. If additional licenses are applied for because of this bill, the Board would experience an increase in revenue. The current fee for an acupuncture license is \$150. In FY 2004, the licensing fees for acupuncturists generated approximately \$9,000.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Medical Licensing Board of Indiana.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Health Professions Bureau; Indiana Auditor of State Budget Revenue Trial Balance.

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